

# AT LITTLE MONKEY'S SWIMMING SCHOOL.

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Little Monkey lost his tail, and the other monkeys made so much fun of him that he could not live with them any more. He went away by himself and fed on berries. He was sitting on the bank of the river one day when the earth gave way, and he fell into the water. He swam again, and as he did he had an idea.

"I'll start a swimming school," said he. "I'll teach all the other animals to swim so that their lives will be saved if they fall into the water."

So Little Monkey built houses on the shore of the river and put up a sign which read:

L. Monkey,  
Swimming Skule,  
Bathing Suits to Hire.

He had 100 bathing suits in sizes to fit any animal from a mouse to an elephant. He hired the tailor bird to make new suits as fast as the old ones wore out. Ben Crocodile was always swimming around to save the lives of the animals who swam out too far.

"Bathing suits were made to get wet," So Tiger and Zebra stepped into the water and followed Little Monkey.

"Tiger," cried Little Monkey, turning around, "you must keep your mouth tightly shut."

Every time Tiger got near Little Monkey his mouth flew open. This made Little Monkey very nervous. When Tiger had big, sharp teeth. When Tiger was not scaring Little Monkey, Zebra was kicking the water over the poor little animal, which was doing its best to teach its pupils how to swim. The other animals and birds got out of the water and sat upon the beach and laughed and laughed at the fun which Tiger and Zebra were having with Little Monkey.

Tiger and Zebra made believe that they were very awkward. They were all the time catching Little Monkey around the neck until his head was under water. Then when he came up again with his ears and mouth all streaming they would say: "Noble Little Monkey, you have just saved

Then Zebra and Tiger became angry. They got up and took off their bathing suits and threw them at Tailor Bird. Then all the birds and the animals laughed so hard that they had to put their hands to their sides. Hyena laughed until he rolled over and over on the beach.

"Hyena," roared Tiger, "you are always laughing at nothing. What is the matter with you?"

Hyena pointed with his paw. Tiger and Zebra looked at themselves and found that their skins were all striped. The color had come out of the new bathing suits and the sun had dried it into their hair. Ever since that day the beasts in the jungle have always said Striped Tiger and Striped Zebra, and it was not until the Spotted Leopard told me this story that I knew that those two animals were once as white as the Polar Bear.

## Increase in Money Order Business.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Sept. 29.—Auditor Castle, for the Postoffice Department, finished today the tabulated statement of the money order business of the country for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1900. The statement exhibits an increase in the money order business of 14 per cent. During the year 23,163,050 money orders were issued. The average amount of these orders was \$7.70.

Some men say worse than they mean and some mean worse than they say.

## THE TORPEDO BOAT "BAGLEY" LAUNCHED

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There is a conning tower forward, made of half-inch nickel steel, with a searchlight mounted on top of it. Coal bunkers are located on each side of the boilers and on one side of each engine.

The propelling machinery consists of two vertical triple expansion engines and two water tube boilers each in a separate watertight compartment.

There are eleven large watertight compartments separated by transverse bulkheads. Some of these compartments are further subdivided by longitudinal bulkheads, making a total of fifteen watertight divisions in all. The two compartments at the middle of the boat are occupied by the main engine and their condenser and auxiliaries. Just forward and just aft of these compartments are the boiler compartments, each containing one boiler and the usual fire room auxiliaries.

The two compartments forward of the forward boiler are occupied by the crew, while the one just aft of the after boiler is devoted to the officers and the one aft of that to the petty officers.

The boat is fitted with steam steering gear and steam windlass. There is also an electric light plant of about sixty lights capacity. Each of these vessels costs \$191,000 to build.

The machinery of the Bagley is aboard and she will soon be ready for her trial trip to be held under the direction of General Superintendent John S. Hyde, who is now placing the speedy Barn in readiness for service.

A beautiful memorial tablet of bronze made by the Torrey Roller Bushing Works has been presented the torpedo boat by Mrs. Adelaide Worth Bagley, in memory of her son.

It has been placed on the starboard side of the after conning tower, the position occupied by the young hero when he was killed on the Winslow.

Inscribed on the tablet is the following:

WORTH BAGLEY,  
Ensign U. S. Navy,  
Born Raleigh, North Carolina,  
April 6, 1874.  
Killed in Action, Cardenas Bay, Cuba,  
TORPEDO BOAT WINSLOW,  
May 11, 1898.  
From His Mother,  
ADELAIDE WORTH BAGLEY.

The design is very appropriate. The sentiment embodied in the sketch is shown by the sword and belt of the young hero placed at rest on the altar of his country, the great American eagle, emblem of freedom, rising from a concentrated fire, represented by surrounding balls, one for each year of his age, to protect the name of the hero thus sacrificed. The tablet bearing data is pierced by the encircling ring of war and authority coming from the great United States below.

The top figure represents the conning tower of the "Winslow" near by where the young hero was killed, with the lookout post as if looking beyond the future. The American flags supporting the same are tied with bay leaves below. The rifle just under this clasp is the one-pounder used near the conning tower at the time of the accident. The whole forms a historic and emblematic group for the head of caption for the study and tablet below. The donation is shown by a plate appropriately placed on the pathways of the U. S. shield.

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## RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

Official Reports Show Its Great Benefit to the People.

The benefits that have come to the people along the rural free delivery routes in Wake county have often been referred to in these columns.

Official reports of the carriers on these routes show that the people along the routes realize and appreciate these benefits. Not only does the free delivery system greatly accommodate them in the prompt daily delivery of mail, but it has caused an increase of fifty percent, in the amount of mail delivered and collected.

"The people along the routes," said Postmaster Bailey yesterday, "are not only writing more letters than they ever before did, but so excellent have become their mail facilities that they are subscribing for daily and weekly papers and magazines in great numbers. The rural free delivery means several hundred dollars a year to the News and Observer alone."

The official reports of carriers for the month of August show:

Falls route—W. M. Allen, carrier: Number of letters and packages re-

ceived and delivered during the month, 952. On the first of the month the number of packages daily was 12. This gradually increased until on the 31st the number had reached 47.

Shotwell route—Jas. W. Fox, carrier: Total number of letters and packages during the month, 1,000. The month began with 12 and ended with 80.

Southern route—W. B. H. Jones, carrier: Total number of letters and packages during the month, 1,000. The month began with 12 and ended with 77.

The principal increase has been in second class mail matter, newspapers and magazines.

Only one report for the month of September has as yet been received. This is for Mr. Foster's route (well) and shows the total number of letters and packages during the month to be 2,166; or nearly double the number in August.

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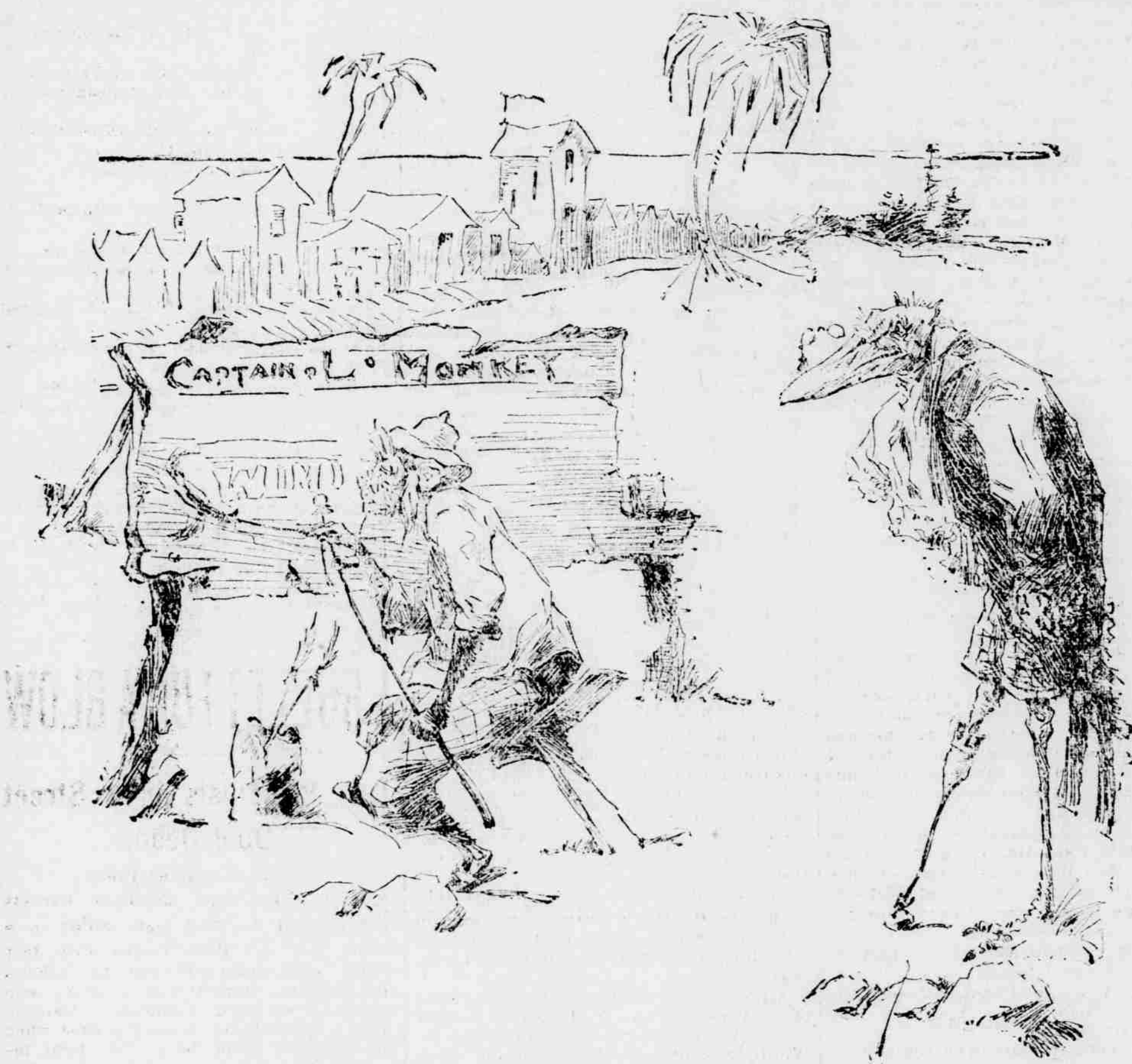
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## New Ginnery at Raleigh.

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**North Carolina Cotton Oil Company.**



Captain Monkey paints a sign.

Little Monkey put a raft away out in the stream where the animals could rest after they had swum as long as they should.

When all the animals and all the birds heard that Little Monkey had a swimming school they said: "How very fashionable!"

Some of them thought they could swim, but then it became the style for all animals and birds to swim like little monkeys without tails. Every afternoon the beach in front of Little Monkey's bathing houses was filled by the jungle folk. All those who went in hired bathing suits, and the tailor bird was kept busy all day making new suits and mending the old ones. Little Monkey wore a fine gray suit, and he swam up and down to teach the animals how to swim like a little monkey without a tail.

Tiger and Zebra were great friends, and one afternoon they went to Little Monkey's swimming school.

"We want nice new suits," said Tiger.

Tailor Bird brought out two suits with yellow and black stripes. Tiger and Zebra then had white hair for this was many years ago.

"They're fine," said Tailor Bird. "They fit like the bark on the tree and the colors are so new that they would be ashamed to run."

"What pretty suits," Zebra and Tiger said at once.

They put on the bathing suits and sat down on the sand.

"Why don't you come in?" asked Heron, who had stayed in the water until he was blue.

"We want everybody to see our fine new suits," answered Zebra.

"Come on!" cried Little Monkey.

our lives." They even got a little fish to swim under Little Monkey and bite his toes. Little Monkey pretended not to be angry. All the time, though, he was vexed, and he made up his mind that he would pay Tiger and Zebra for the mean way in which they were treating him. He was all tired out, but he kept swimming, for he saw that something was happening which would give him a fine revenge.

"Tiger," he said, "if you would keep your mouth from being open so much, and Zebra, if you would not splash with your feet, you both would become very fine swimmers. Don't bother to take off your bathing suits. Just sit in the sun, and when I teach Antelope how to dive I'll give you another lesson."

So Tiger and Zebra sat in the sun and told the other animals about the great fun which they had had with Little Monkey.

Then they found somebody else to make fun for them. Leopard, who was all spotted, came down to the beach. "Ho, ho," laughed Tiger, "did you ever see an animal in a polka dot skin?"

"He, he; isn't he really dressed?" neighed the Zebra, as he grinned and looked around at the other animal.

"It is not every animal," answered the Leopard, as he came out dressed up in his white bathing suit, "who has the good fortune to be born with a beautiful white skin. Many is the time I have tried to change these polka dots for a plain checked suit, but somehow I could never do it. I may be funny, but I never looked so queer as do two very mean animals who are lying on this beach all dressed up in ugly, striped bathing suits."

## FAMINE FEARED IN NORTH CHINA

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property. The residents accept the situation philosophically and there is apparently no conflict with the military authorities.

That it will be many months before the rehabilitation of Tien Tsin is begun is a certainty. That it will ever be restored to its once beautiful proportions is doubtful. The slow work of years was destroyed in a week. Beautiful villas, superb residences, once handsome grounds are but wreck and ruin and the hot breath of war has blasted the Pei-Ho valley from Peking to the Gulf of Taku.

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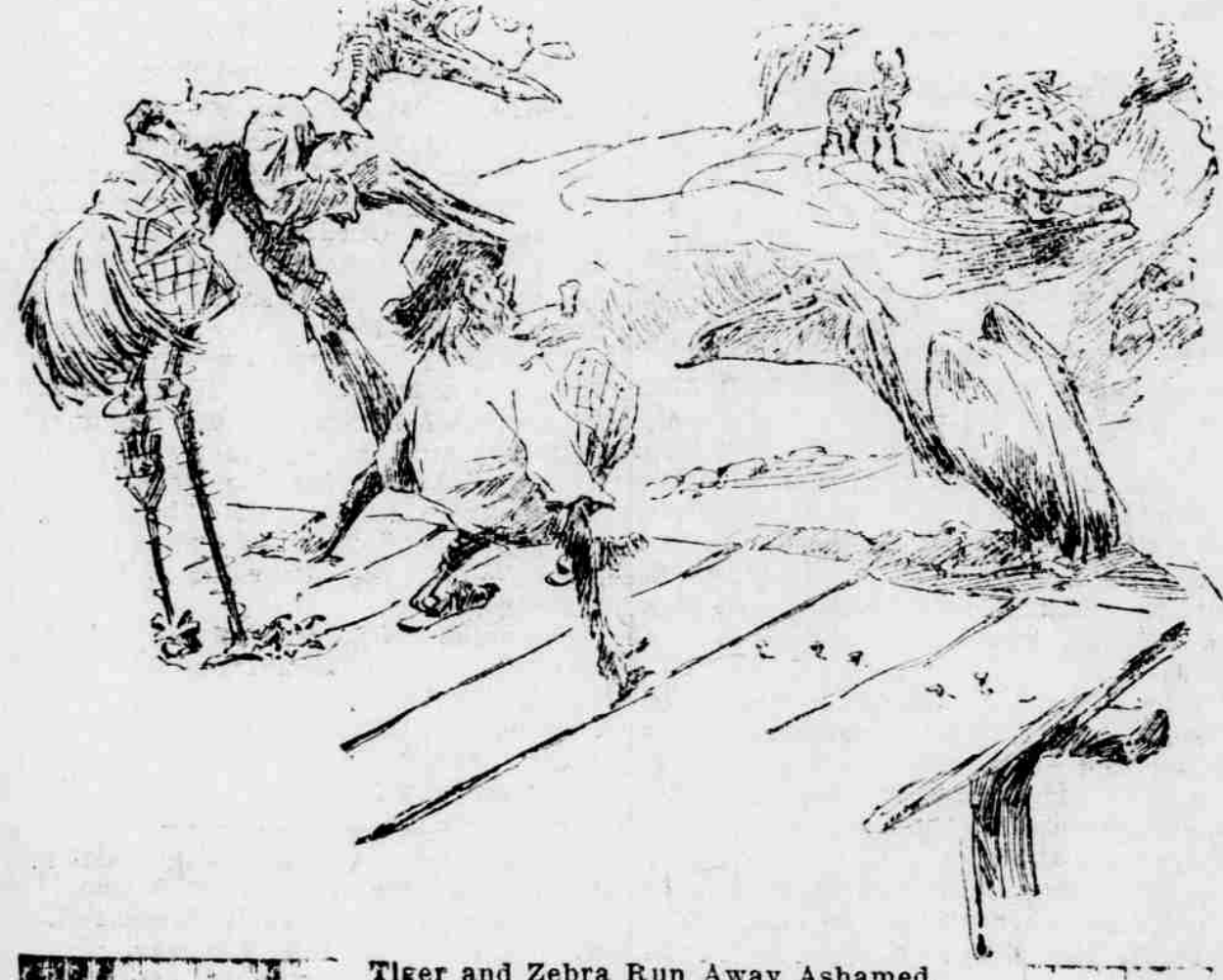
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Tiger and Zebra Run Away Ashamed.